

Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2015

ASB-230

1000-1115AM

Present: Emma Rainforth, Rebecca Root, Bonnie Blake, Susan Eisner, Ken McMurdy, Kim Lorber, Susan Kurzmann, and Jonathan Lipkin

Absent: Tae Kwak

Secretary: Dean Chen

1. Approving the FAEC minutes from 1/21/2015
 - a. Approved

2. Discussed the interim schedule modifications for Fall 2015. Shift to 4-credits curriculum was confirmed. The following scheduling issues were raised:
 - a. Shared-governance
 - b. Scheduling conflicts for some faculty and for some programs
 - c. Concerns were raised for having allocation of 3x vs. 2 x vs. 1x a week classes not founded on pedagogy, and for having daily schedules elongated by scheduling 100 minutes classes as 120 minute classes (requiring each to take a break) and providing longer breaks between classes; unit councils are requesting pedagogical support for scheduling options presented to the faculty by administration
 - d. Difficulty in retaining adjunct faculty to teach in certain time slots; some units are reporting inability to retain adjuncts when evening classes cannot meet 1x per week
 - e. Discussed classroom utilization and desirability of scheduling flexibility when necessary and justified
 - f. Schedules of other 4-credit Colleges should be consulted for benchmarking
 - g. Importance of assessing the Interim schedule; what benchmarks will be assessed, by whom, how, and when, should be determined in advance of implementation

3. FAEC reaffirmed that faculty representation on the external search on VPMSA, VPAF should be consulted with the faculty. FAEC also will query the space utilization of ASB 4th floor after it is vacated by Nursing
 - a. FAEC will follow-up with President Mercer when he visits FAEC on February 11th.

4. Discussed the pending merge of the Instructional Design Center and Faculty Resource Center under one administrator
 - a. FAEC has heard of this only second-handedly and informally. It will request clarification and explanation
 - b. FACE expressed that the merge should be consulted with faculty since pedagogy is the purview of the faculty
5. President Mercer will visit the FAEC on a monthly basis starting on February 11th
6. On February 4th, Meredith Davis (Service Task Force) will visit the FAEC to present the Service Task Force report
 - a. Other guests may also visit FAEC on Feb 4th: Thierry Rakotobe (ARC), Eric Karlin (TFAEE) and Ed Shannon (GenEd Task Force)
7. FAEC suggests that other Task Forces, such as Rigor, should also report to the FA in February and March